

FOCAL POINT

US Conference of Mayors Update

As Mayor, I have the pleasure of representing you in the US Conference of Mayors (USCM), which is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. Given Frisco's estimated, growing population of 102,603 as of February 1, we easily qualify. We're proud to be among 1,200 USCM member cities in the country today.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYOR MAHER MASO

Last November, the USCM sought input from mayors, nationwide, regarding our 'wish list' for equipment, programs and services their respective communities could use, anticipating the 'Stimulus Bill' provisions passed.

Initially, we were given approximately 24 hours to comprise our list and submit requests for programs that fall in ten different sectors, namely community development block grants, streets and roads, transit, green jobs, school modernization, public safety and technology, public housing modernization, water and wastewater infrastructure, Amtrak and airport technology in response to the MainStreet Economic Recovery Survey. The compiled, nationwide survey responses now make up the "Ready to Go" report.

Frisco submitted to the US Conference of Mayors requests for energy, housing, public safety, streets and road improvements, transit and water programs. Following several revisions, our city's final submission includes 42 grant requests with an estimated, total price tag of \$259 million. Again, these requests are part of a 'wish list', as requested by the USCM. At this time, we have no information on how funding will be distributed and whether Frisco will be awarded any grants.

The USCM's "Ready To Go" Jobs Report intends to inventory infrastructure projects from cities around the country that could be started and completed in just two calendar years to create more than a million jobs with help from federal dollars.

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Frisco EDC and NTEC, Inc. partnership creating jobs, future medical technology sector for city

The Frisco Economic Development Corporation is helping nurture future medical miracles while building the foundation for a medical technology sector right here in Frisco.

The Frisco EDC was established in 1991 when Frisco voters approved a one-half cent sales tax to promote economic development. Much of the business infrastructure residents and visitors see today was built with support from EDC funds.

One of the Frisco EDC's biggest investments to date is in the North Texas Enterprise Center for Medical Technology (NTEC). NTEC is a non-profit, medical technology incubator program financed through the EDC and other private partners.

The Frisco EDC invested in NTEC with the goal of generating business formation. "It's economic development gardening," said Frisco EDC President Jim Gandy. "Investing in a business accelerator was the answer to growing and planting companies here in our backyard."

Research showed that a focused accelerator program, like medical technology, would yield greater success. So, in 2003 the EDC began its partnership with NTEC and Executive Director Larry Carlton who developed the core mission: "to identify, mentor and grow promising entrepreneurial medical technology companies."

Frisco's Economic Development Corporation recognized that NTEC needed more space to grow, so the plans for a future medical technology sector began with designs for a new building.

NTEC's 50,000 square foot headquarters opened in November 2008 at the northeast corner of Research Road and Frisco Street. The EDC, in conjunction with the City of Frisco, issued \$10.8 million bond in 2007 to build the facility.

The two-story, state-of-the-art facility, includes 80 offices, 30



The 50,000 square-foot building that houses the North Texas Enterprise Center for Medical Technology is located at 6170 Research Rd. The two-story, state-of-the-art medtech facility, includes 80 offices, 30 cubes, 10,000 square feet of highly flexible biolabs, device labs and prototyping labs to empower life-science start-ups. The incubator/accelerator will house as many as 25 entrepreneurial medical device and technology businesses.

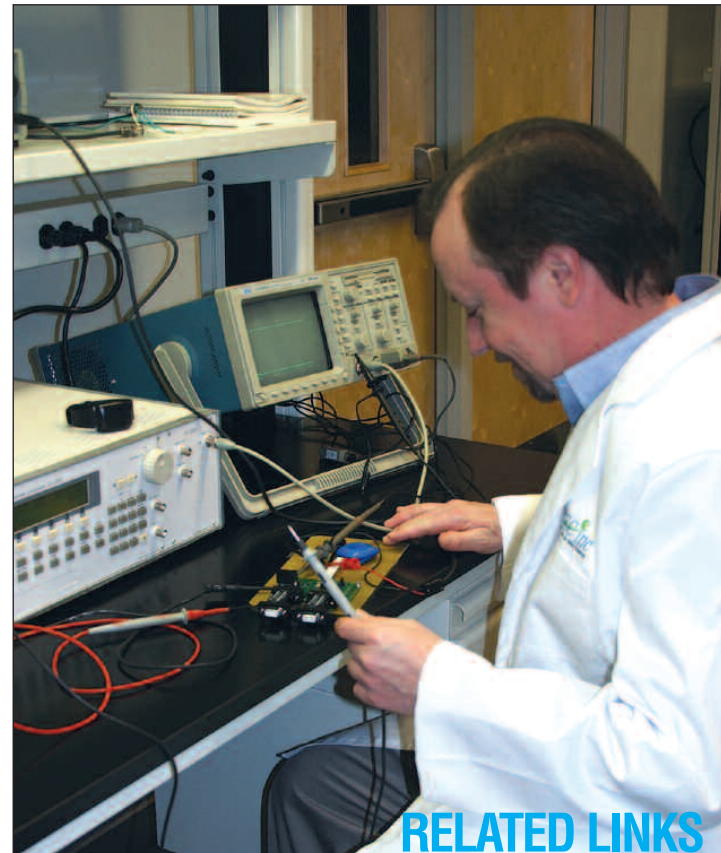
cubes, 10,000 square feet of highly flexible bio-labs, device labs and prototyping labs. The building can house as many as 25 entrepreneurial medical device and technology businesses.

The facility provides office and lab space to tenants, and basic business support including office equipment that many entrepreneurs could not afford on their own. Leasing space is also flexible. Tenants can start out leasing one office, and as the business grows add more office space or cubicle space as needed.

"It's smart use of your resources," said Hubert Zajicek, MD, MBA and an NTEC director. "For a start up, going out to buy new lab equipment for \$5,000, \$10,000 or more is simply out of range."

Leasing office and lab space to medtech start ups is just one part of what NTEC has to offer. NTEC's management team also provides a

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RELATED LINKS

friscoedc.com
(Frisco Economic Development Corporation)

NTEC-inc.org
(North Texas Enterprise Center for Medical Technology – NTEC, Inc.)

ergonurse.com
(ErgoNurse)

emfinders.com
(EmFinders)

lajolladigital.com
(La Jolla Digital, LLC)

James Fairy of EmFinders uses the equipment in one of the NTEC labs to test the performance on the company's patented locator device designed to be worn by mentally impaired adults and children prone to wandering away from their caregivers. EmFinders was accepted into the NTEC program in November 2007. The company is now considered a 'graduate' company with plans to sell their product nationally this year.



HOW TO REACH US

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Candidate filing runs through March 9 for two city council seats

Candidates interested in running for Frisco City Council may file for a place on the May 2009 ballot, beginning Monday, February 9. The last day to file for Frisco City Council is Monday, March 9.

Two seats, including Places 1 and 3, will be open. All positions on the Frisco City Council are “at large” positions. Candidates must reside in the City of Frisco one year prior to filing.

Candidate “information packets”

– which detail the minimum requirements for filing for office – may be picked up at the City Secretary’s Office, 5th Floor, City Hall, George A. Purefoy Municipal Complex, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.

Candidate packets are available now, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Early voting, by personal appearance, begins April 27 through May 5. Voters may cast early ballots at Frisco Fire Station #4, 4485 Cotton

Gin; Preston Ridge Campus, Collin County Community College, 9700 Wade Blvd.; and the Collin County Elections Office, 2010 Red Bud Blvd., Suite 102, in McKinney.

Early voting hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. The General Joint Election will be held Saturday, May 9 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

In an effort to provide voter convenience and encourage higher voter turnout, the City of Frisco will continue to offer three polling loca-

tions on Election Day. Look for Election Day polling information to be posted online closer to election time. Voters must cast ballots at their designated polling place, on Election Day only. Voters are encouraged to bring their voter registration cards.

For additional information, please contact the Office of the City Secretary at (972) 292-5020, or go online to <http://FriscoTexas.gov/elections>.

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broad spectrum of business services for the start ups selected into their accelerator program. The services are tailored to the needs of each company with the goal of getting the product to market faster than the new business could manage on its own.

Among the services is legal assistance, introductions into the medical community, assistance finding investors, and providing a business plan that maps out milestones the company needs to meet.

NTEC typically selects two start ups into the program each year. The process is very selective,” said Zajicek. “We are look-

ing for entrepreneurs who are already fully dedicated to the venture. We cannot be the ones to say we believe in it for you.”

NTEC accepts only two percent of applicants as program companies. In 2008, two new companies were accepted, ErgoNurse and LaJolla Digital, LLC.

ErgoNurse develops unique and cost effective patient handling devices that ease back and shoulder injuries for nurses and caregivers. The ErgoNurse EZ-lift has been in use at several hospitals in Texas for over a year. La Jolla Digital is a medical software development and hosting company. Their software suite, MDConnection, is an all inclusive web-based package for dermatologists allowing them to manage their scheduling, insurance claims and billing.

A graduate of the NTEC program, EmFinders™, is in the final market trials

for their first product. A device that can be used to locate Alzheimer’s patients and other mentally impaired adults and children when they wander away. The wearable device looks similar to a wristwatch. When activated, it can be linked to 911 emergency response systems.

“It’s been positive for us,” said Christopher Buehler, co-founder and president of EmFinders™. “I certainly recommend any early stage company to come in and meet with the NTEC team to see if there is anything NTEC can do to help them move forward.”

EmFinders™ is close to having their locator device available for purchase in Texas this spring and plans to go national soon after that.

Another graduate, OxySure™ Systems, Inc., a medtech company that specializes

in respiratory products, has moved from the NTEC incubator. OxySure set up shop in Frisco Center, a development just down the road from NTEC. Frisco EDC President Jim Gandy hopes that success continues.

“Attracting and retaining businesses is only part of the formula,” said Gandy. “By growing new companies in Frisco we are maximizing Frisco’s potential for successful economic development.”

NTEC’s flexibility in lab and office space is also being recognized outside of the city. The 50,000 square-foot building is now a finalist for the 17th Annual Best Real Estate Deal for 2008.

For more information on Frisco’s Economic Development Corporation call (972) 292-5150, or go online to Friscoedc.com.

MAYOR

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As a nationwide leader in ‘green building’, Frisco submitted programs which embrace solar energy in municipal buildings and realign building lighting for energy efficiency after hours.

Given our continued growth, we submitted a dozen street and road improvement projects, as well as 16 programs designed to control flooding, provide water lines and pump stations and expand and improve sewer treatment. We also submitted a proposed project to create a railroad ‘quiet zone’, which would run through the heart of our community. We requested funds to help with our public housing rehabilitation program.

Time and time again, our citizens have listed ‘public safety’ as one of their top priorities. Whether they speak through citizen surveys or overwhelming support for public safety propositions in bond elections, our citizens tell us they support our Police and Fire Department’s judgment for recommending the necessary programs, services and equipment for protecting our property and keeping our families safe.

Frisco’s ‘wish list’ included an ‘armored

vehicle’, as part of our grant submissions under ‘public safety’. Frisco’s armored vehicle ‘wish’ has been the subject of several media reports, including one recent television story.

Frisco Police Chief Todd Renshaw says armor protected vehicles are considered ‘state of the art’ in protection for police officers and the public in this country, adding many departments larger – and smaller – than Frisco already have an armor protected vehicle.

In fact, our Frisco Police Department has had an armored vehicle for years. The vehicle is a commercial armored car like those used to transport money. It was converted by another North Texas police department, which gave the vehicle to Frisco approximately nine years ago. Our current armored vehicle is showing its age and its reliability is in questions, which is why our Police Department – when asked to submit ‘wishes’ – listed a newer, more modern armored vehicle.

Based on 2007 crime statistics, the F.B.I. ranks Frisco as the sixteenth safest city in the country. If you wonder ‘why’ one of the safest cities in the country needs an armored vehicle, the answer is...we hope we never need it. But if we do, we will be grateful knowing the men and women who risk their lives to protect us will have the

tools they need to do the job and protect themselves, as well.

In fact, the city ranked number one on the ‘safest cities’ list has an armored vehicle, as do many cities ranked ‘safer’ on the list.

In the words of Chief Renshaw, “If we were to wait until violent crime was a normal occurrence to react, we have failed to do our jobs of pro-actively protecting the public.”

Armored vehicles are common in law enforcement today. Failing to equip our police department and then expecting our officers to adequately protect us and themselves is not the model of policing Frisco has ever wanted – or provided.

Our police department has applied for many grants over the years. Some were successful, some were not. The successful grant applications, submitted by our police department, have saved Frisco taxpayers more than two million dollars over the years. We will continue to seek ways to provide the best and most cost-effective service possible to you, our citizens. The US Conference of Mayors “Ready to Go” program is another potential grant opportunity.

**Regards,
Mayor Maher Maso**

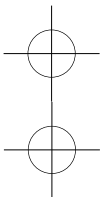
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To subscribe, go to the home page and click on ‘E-News’.

Now you can watch Frisco City Council meetings live on the Frisco Television Network. From the home page, click on ‘Communications’ and select FTVN Live. Live city council meetings air the first and third Tuesdays of the month beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.





Green Valentine



City of Frisco Environmental Services sponsored a Chunk Your Junk event on Saturday, February 14. Frisco citizens showed their love for the environment on Valentine's Day by safely disposing of, and recycling, thousands of unwanted items. More than 500 cars passed through the drop-off to get rid of trash, electronics and items for donation.

Among the discards were piles of electronic waste including several dozen televisions and computer monitors with cathode ray tubes (CRTs). EPA statistics show the typical CRT contains between two and five pounds of lead. Without safe disposal the hazardous waste can leak into the soil and water supplies.

Missed the latest Chunk Your Junk event? Go online to FriscoTexas.gov/recycle to find out how you can safely dispose of hazardous e-waste and household chemicals at the city's Environmental Collection Center.

City and school district team up for successful phone book collection

In our Web driven world, thousands of Frisco residents no longer let their 'fingers do the walking' to find a phone number. It's clear so many unused phone books were collecting dust from the results of the annual Valentine's Day phone book collection that is a team effort of Frisco ISD Green Teams and the city's Environmental Services.

This year's contest was held from January 28 through February 11. Ogle Elementary school students collected the most among the participating FISD schools - a total of 2,030 phone books. Griffin Middle School and Frisco High School students were honored for collecting the most phone books for their grade levels.

In all 16, 511 phone books will be recycled instead of ending up in the trash. According to estimates from the city's Environmental Services Division, the amount collected translates into huge environmental savings:

- 231,000 gallons of water
- 109 cubic yards of landfill space
- 15,279 gallons of oil
- 19,371 pounds of air pollution
- As many as 1,023 trees
- 135,300 kilowatts of electricity (enough to power 16 homes for a full year!)

Pictured to the right: A round of applause please... Frisco Mayor Maher Maso and City of Frisco Environmental Education Coordinator Jeremy Starritt congratulate members of the Griffin Middle School Green Team on their winning efforts during this year's phone book recycling contest. Griffin students collected the most phone books among Frisco ISD's middle schools.



City supports "Fix a Leak Week"

The City of Frisco is a partner in the Environmental Protection Agency's 'WaterSense' program. WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by the U.S. EPA, makes it easier for Americans to save water and protect the environment. Look for the WaterSense label to choose quality, water-efficient products.

March 16 to 20, 2009 marks the U.S. EPA's WaterSense program's first "Fix a Leak Week," a time to remind homeowners to check their household plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks.

On average, a leak may account for 11,000 gallons of water wasted inside the home every year, which is enough to fill a backyard swimming pool. The most common leaks found in the home include leaking toilet flappers and dripping faucets. These leaks are easily correctable and could save you 10 percent on your water bill. Keep your home leak-free by repairing dripping faucets, toilet valves, and showerheads. In most cases, fixture replacements don't require a major investment and can be installed by do-it-yourselfers.

Leaks in your irrigation system can waste even more water than inside your home. These outdoor leaks are often a result of broken pipes or damaged sprinkler heads.

Pick up free leak detection dye tablets to test your home's toilet at the City of Frisco's Public Works Department located at 11300 Research Rd. To get a handle on your possible indoor leaks or sign up for a free irrigation check-up, visit www.friscotexas.gov/water. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 972-292-5800.

Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to www.frisco.texas.gov/projectupdate.

1 CR 712 (Frisco St. - North County Rd.)

Scope: Construction of four lanes from Frisco Street to the RR crossing and two lanes from the RR Crossing to North County Road. Construction began July 2008. Estimated completion of construction is March 2009.

2 City Hall Parking Garage

Scope: Construct a five-story parking structure to accommodate roughly 570 cars. Estimated completion of design is spring 2009.

3 Frisco Square Blvd. Railroad Crossing

Scope: Street connection of Frisco Square Boulevard across the railroad tracks from Cook Street to West Main Street. Project includes relocating the Elm Street crossing to Frisco Square Blvd. with the RR signal and crossing gates. Construction began September 2008. Estimated completion is March 2009.

4 Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - Preston Rd.) w/ overpass

Scope: Construct the northern three lanes and the third lane on the south side. This will complete the ultimate six lane divided roadway with median and includes additional overpass at the BNSF RR. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Design of 6 lane facility is 95% complete. Est. start of construction is April 2009.

5 FM 2934/Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - FM 423)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. Bid by TxDOT Feb 7, 2008. Construction began September 2008; Estimated completion is summer 2010.

6 FM 3537/Main Improvements (Custer Rd. -

Preston Rd.)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Design is approximately 60 percent complete. Estimated completion of design is summer 2009.

7 FM 423 Improvements (Stewart Creek - Eldorado Pkwy.)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Includes streetlights and traffic signals. Estimated start of construction is fall 2009.

8 FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado Pkwy - US 380)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Estimated start of construction is spring 2010.

9 Dogwood Street & Meadow Lane (Main St. - McKinney)

Scope: Reconstruct Meadow Lane and Dogwood Street with concrete surface and curb and gutter. Street lighting is included in this project. Construction began January 5, 2009. Estimated completion is fall 2009.

10 Rolater Road 42" Water Line (Coit Rd - Preston Rd)

Scope: Construct 42-inch steel water pipe line from Coit Road to Preston Road. Project is currently under construction. Construction is expected to be complete in spring 2009.

11 Panther Creek Pkwy (Teel - DNT)

Scope: Construction of four-lane divided roadway including landscape, irrigation, and street lighting. Extend four lanes of Legacy Drive to connect with Panther Creek Parkway. Construction is expected to be complete in March 2009.

12 FM 2478/Custer Road

(Stonebridge - US 380)

Scope: Widen existing two-lane asphalt roadway to six-lane concrete divided roadway. TxDOT bid the project on January 13, 2009. Estimated start of construction is spring 2009.

13 Teel Pkwy (Panther Creek Pkwy - north of Little River)

Scope: Construct eastern two lanes of Teel to provide four lanes of the ultimately six-lane road. Project is currently under construction. This project will be jointly funded by Frisco ISD. Construction began in June 2008. Estimated completion is spring 2009.

14 SH 121 Freeway FM 544 to DNT

Scope: Construct six main lanes and six lanes of frontage roads from FM 544 to Dallas North Tollway. Main lanes opened to traffic in September 2008. Estimated completion of construction is early 2009.

15 SH 289/Preston Rd (Main St. - US 380)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. Project was bid by TxDOT in October 2008. Estimated start of construction is early 2009.

16 Stonebrook Pkwy (Legacy Dr. - Longhorn Tr.)

Scope: Construct four lanes with an underpass at the BNSF RR, a railroad shoofly, and a bridge at Stewart Creek. Project includes federal wetland, permits, & environmental coordination. Design is 95 percent complete. Estimated start of construction is summer 2009.

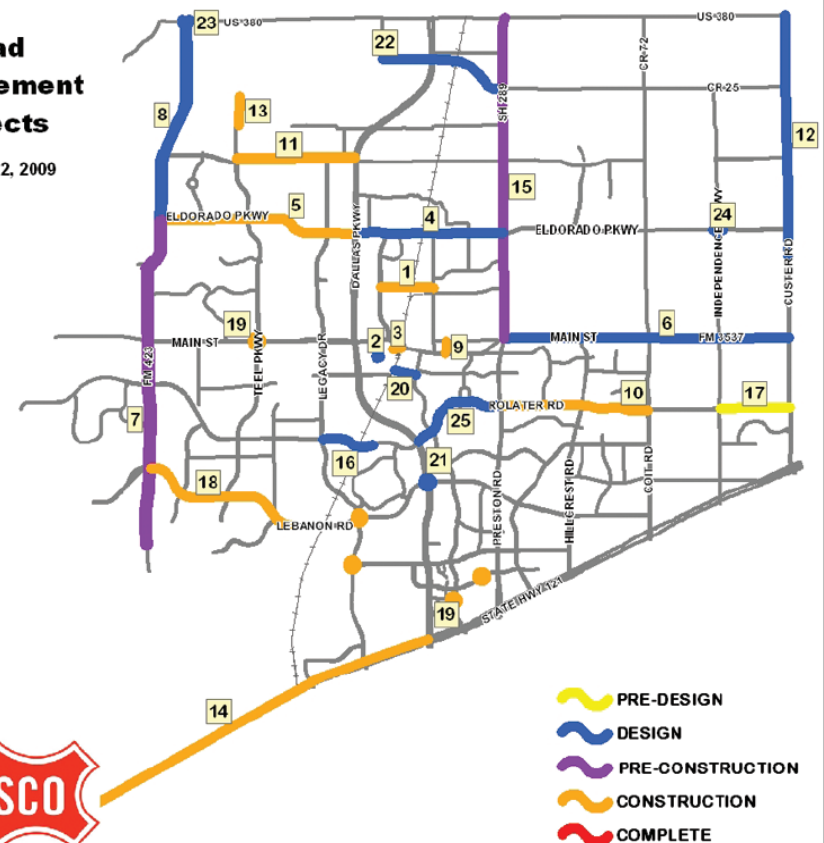
17 Rolater Drive (Independence Pkwy. - Custer Rd.)

Scope: Construct northern two lanes of Teel to provide four lanes of an ultimately six-lane roadway. Design is expected to be complete in summer 2009. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2009.

18 Lebanon Road - (FM 423 - Presidents Dr.)

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Scope: Construct the southern two lanes of Lebanon Rd. from President's to FM 423 including a three lane bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six lane divided roadway. Construction began February 2008. Est. completion is Spring 2009.

19 Intersection Capacity Improvements

Scope: Intersection improvements at the following intersections: Gaylord/Mall Road F, Parkwood/Hammons, and Main/Teel. Construction began in June 2008. Estimated completion is March 2009.

20 Eubanks Street (Fifth St. - BNSF RR)

Scope: Reconstruct Eubanks Street with concrete pavement and enclosed storm drainage. Project is under design.

21 Lebanon & DNT Intersection Improvements

Scope: Construction of additional lanes of traffic for Lebanon to accommodate the NTTA bridge widening. This project will increase the lanes on the EB and WB approaches to the Dallas North Tollway. Construction is expected to begin summer 2009.

22 Virginia Pkwy (CR 26 - Preston Rd.)

Scope: Construct six lanes from County Road 26 to Preston Road. Project includes a bridge over BNSF RR. Construction is expected to begin in 2010. Project is currently under design. Design is 30 percent complete.

23 NW Infrastructure

Scope: Analyze alternative alignments for water & sewer lines to serve properties near FM

423 and US 380. Estimated completion of design is spring 2009.

24 Eldorado/Independence Intersection Improvements

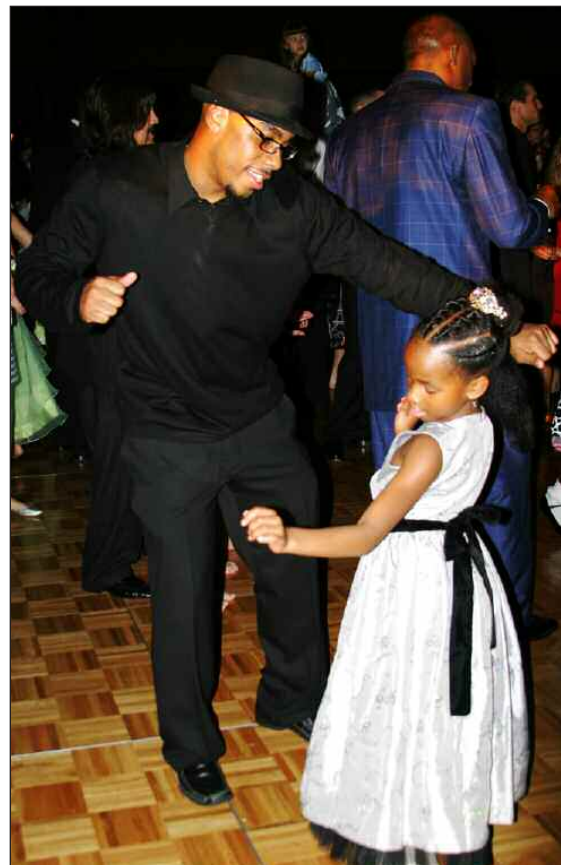
Scope: Widen from two lanes to four lanes of ultimate six-lane roadway. Design is approximately 95 percent complete. Construction expected to begin in early 2009 and be completed in August 2009, prior to opening of the new Heritage High School.

25 Stonebrook Pkwy (DNT to Preston Rd.)

Scope: Install 36 inch waterline, reconstruct westbound lanes, and widen to six lanes. Design is approximately 60 percent complete and is expected to be completed in summer 2009. Construction expected to begin in fall 2009.



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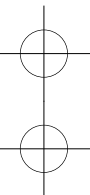


Some dads dusted off their dance moves and showed their girls how to do the Chicken Dance, the Macarena and the YMCA. Other fathers learned a new step or two from their darling dates. Either way, the time on the dance floor created memories for a lifetime at the **13th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance.**

This year's dance drew a big crowd February 7 at the Frisco Conference Center. More than 5,000 attended one the four dance times featuring an 'Enchanted Forest' theme.

The City of Frisco Parks and Recreation Department puts on the event each year. The department thanks all of the sponsors and volunteers who made the experience truly enchanting for Frisco's daddies and daughters.

Now you can watch video highlights from the Daddy Daughter Dance online! The Frisco Television Network (FTVN) streams live 24/7 at FriscoTexas.gov. On the home page, click on 'WATCH' listed under the right-hand menu. You can choose the live cable channel broadcast or video on demand. Under the video on demand screen look for the 'Daddy Daughter Dance 2009' listing.





HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

March 2

- Frisco Public Arts Board Meeting, Conference Room 5A, 6:30 p.m.

March 3

- Downtown Advisory Board, 5th Floor Conference Room, 12 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

March 9

- Frisco Square Municipal Management District Meeting, Conference Room 3A, 4:30 p.m.

March 10

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

March 11

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

March 12

- Parks and Recreation Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

March 17

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

March 19

- Arts of Collin County (ACC), City of Allen 4 p.m.
- Community Development Corporation (CDC) Meeting, Conference Room 3A, 6:30 p.m.

March 23

- Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Department, 7:30 p.m.

March 24

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.
- Heritage Association, Council Chambers, 7 p.m.

March 25

- Economic Development Corp. Board of Directors Meeting (EDC), 6801 Gaylord Pkwy., 6 p.m.
- Urban Forestry Board, 6726 Walnut St., 6:30 p.m.

March 26

- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown Street, Wylie, TX, 4 p.m.
- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Programming Room, 6:45 p.m.

Frisco Fire Department accepting applications for spring community education classes

Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA)

The Frisco Fire Department is now accepting applications for the Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA) class number 23 starting March 26, 2009. The nine-week program meets on Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. CFA classes provide the community with information about the operation and organization of the Frisco Fire Department. The academy is open to those 18 and older who live or work within the City of Frisco.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Frisco Fire Department is now accepting applications for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class Number 15 which starts March 23, 2009. The nine-week program meets on Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. CERT classes train citizens on how to give critical support to first responders in emergencies and provide assistance in the event of a major disaster. The program is open to those 18 or older

who either live or work within the City of Frisco.

Applications for the CFA or CERT program, as well as a more detailed description of the classes, are available for download at FriscoFire.com. Applications can also be picked up at any Frisco fire station. Still have questions? Contact the Frisco Fire Department at 972-292-6300 during normal business hours.

Citizens Police Academy offers more "hands-on" activities for participants

The Frisco Citizen Police Academy (CPA) is an interesting and informative program that educates citizens who live or work in Frisco about our police department, its divisions and practices. Instructors are officers and employees of the Frisco Police Department.

The Frisco CPA meets one night a week (on a Thursday) for ten weeks. The next CPA is scheduled to begin on March 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Classes are held in the training room at the Frisco Police Department, located at 7200 Stonebrook Pkwy.

The program has recently been restructured to involve more "hands-on" activities, such as: actual crime scene processing, hand to hand defensive tactics, pistol shooting, high-risk traffic stops and much more. Although each member is encouraged to take part in the scenarios, participation is optional and any member may choose to be a spectator in any portion of the CPA. In order to graduate from the program, participants may not miss

more than two classes.

Once you have completed the CPA curriculum, we hope you will want to become part of the Frisco Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association and/or Frisco Citizens on Patrol. Both are active in community support and educational organizations. Go to fcpaaa.org for more information.

In order to attend you will need to fill out an application along with the waiver of liability. After your application has been reviewed and processed, your name will be placed on a list (applications are processed on a first come basis). In February applicants will receive a letter containing specific information about the status of their application along with additional class information.

Since the class size is limited to twenty-five (25) participants we encourage you to enroll as early as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Office Glynda Covington at 972-292-6134, or by e-mail at gcovington@friscotexas.gov.

Have fun learning something new during Frisco Fire Safety Town's Spring Break programs

Frisco Fire Safety Town will be hosting some summer sneak peak programs during Frisco ISD Spring Break, March 16 - 20.

Programs will be one hour in length and will be offered at four different times throughout the day. Programs are FREE and geared toward children who are currently in kindergarten through fifth grade.

We are now registering, so please contact Frisco Fire Safety Town at 972-292-6350 to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

Monday: Severe Weather Safety

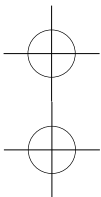
Tuesday: Bicycle Safety

Wednesday: Fire Safety

Thursday: Babysitter Safety
*2 hour class at 9:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. (5th graders and older only)

Friday: Tours Only, No Programs

Daily Class Times:
9:00 & 10:30 a.m., 1:30 & 3:00 p.m.





City of Frisco Municipal Court, Police part of statewide campaign to crack down on outstanding warrants

Now is the time to handle that ticket you have been meaning to pay. Frisco police officers could knock on your door in March if you have an outstanding warrant. The City of Frisco, through Frisco Police and the Municipal Court, is one of more than 205 jurisdictions from across Texas participating in the '3rd Annual Great Texas Warrant Roundup' now underway.

The 'round up' is a coordinated effort across Texas. Defendants with thousands of unpaid traffic, parking and city ordinance warrants will be targeted in this statewide effort. Notices were mailed to accused offenders with warrants active against them. Officials noted that although the concentration is on 'Class C' charges, police may also serve higher charge warrants.

The campaign to get defendants to pay their fines began February 13. The arrest campaign starts Saturday, March 7. That means Frisco police will be looking for, and can arrest, anyone with an outstanding warrant even if the offense happened somewhere other than Frisco.

Currently, Frisco Municipal Court has more than 8,219 outstanding warrant cases in its system. Those cases amount to nearly \$2.2 million in fines. The goal is to get many of those violators to pay their fines before an arrest becomes necessary.

"Individuals that wish to avoid the humiliation, embarrassment, and additional costs associated with being arrested at home, work or in public need to take this seriously," said Matthew Freeman, Court Administrator for the City of

Frisco. "In most cases it is a simple offense or a traffic violation. Why risk going to jail over that?"

Handle your fine in person at the Frisco Municipal Court Building, located at 6865 Main St. in downtown Frisco. The court operates Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hours on Wednesday are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Thursday hours are extended later in the day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can also mail your payment in the form of cash, money order or cashier's check.

Online payment is also an option at [www.https://secure.udsinc.com/odp/ocip/friscotx/](https://secure.udsinc.com/odp/ocip/friscotx/). For more information call the municipal court (972) 292-5555.

Frisco Public Library offers up a tasty new dish: Philanthropizza

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Philanthropizza: (noun) a delicious way to enjoy a fine meal and donate to a community service at the same time.

Frisco Public Library has partnered with California Pizza Kitchen to provide everyone the opportunity to practice philanthropizza on the third Thursday of February, March, and April, from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Frisco California Pizza Kitchen restaurant.

By enjoying a meal there on one (or all) of those evenings, you will also benefit the Frisco Public Library, which will receive a donation equal to 20 percent of your tab. All you need to do is present a philanthropizza flyer (available at the library) to your server when you order your meal.

Here's a way to enjoy a meal out and support your community and all the services offered by the Frisco Public Library at no extra cost! Stop by the library and pick up copies of the philanthropizza flyer for yourself and your friends. Event dates are February 19, March 19, and April 16 at the California Pizza Kitchen at the Stonebriar Mall (next to Barnes and Noble). The Frisco Public Library will thank you, and so will your taste buds.

For more information about the philanthropizza event and how to participate, contact the Frisco Public Library at 972-292-5669, or visit www.friscolibrary.com.

Registration for spring classes, programs underway now through Frisco Parks and Recreation

From aquatics to fitness to special events, the spring Frisco Fun Activity Guide is full of classes and programs to get everyone in the family moving and having fun. Check out the guide for yourself online at FriscoFun.org, where you can also register online for classes and activities like the Aqua Egg Hunt listed below.



Grab your swimsuit and join in the hunt!

The Easter Bunny spilled his eggs in the pool, and he needs your help to clean them up! Join us at the Frisco Athletic Center for an eggxtremely good time of egg hunting and swimming. Admission includes: egg hunt, swim pass for the day and a special treat from the Easter Bunny. Don't forget to bring your camera!

All participants must pre-register! If you're staying to swim after the event, remember children under the age of 7 will need an adult in the water with them.



Ages: 3-4	Code: 4762
Ages: 5-6	Code: 4763
Ages: 7-8	Code: 4764
Ages: 9-10	Code: 4765

\$10 per child

Frisco Athletic Center • April 4 • 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

FAC Fun Night

Registration is now available for the first ever FAC Fun Night! Kids grab your friends and make plans to hang with us at the Frisco Athletic Center on Saturday, March 14 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. You bring the crew, and we will supply all the entertainment. There will be music, Wii contests, karaoke, foosball, air hockey, shuffleboard, pizza from GattiTown and tons of fun you won't want to miss! What are you waiting for? Get registered today!

Admission is \$10 per person. Registration is available online at FriscoFun.org or at the Frisco Athletic Center located at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane. Pre-registration is required and is available now through March 11. Drop-ins will not be accepted. The FAC Fun Night is for kids ages 8 - 12. Food (including pizza) and drinks will be available for an additional charge.

This event will be closely supervised by Parks & Recreation staff with help from the Frisco Police Department. Parents will be required to check-in/check out their kids when dropping them off and picking them up.

For more information on this event, call Kari FitzPatrick at 972-292-6628 or email Kfitzpartick@FriscoTexas.gov.

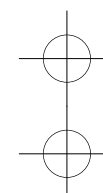
Hungry for a good mystery? Frisco Parks and Recreation serves up the perfect dinner

Join us for a night of food, laughter and suspense as the Parks and Recreation Department presents a new Murder Mystery dinner series full of suspicion and intrigue. The series begins Friday, March 6 with 'Honky Tonk Murder.' The dinner and mystery will be from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Senior Center at Frisco Square, located at 6670 Moore Street in the Frisco Square development.

In this good ole' fashioned 'whodunit' mystery with a western twist, everyone is a suspect. Was it the trustworthy town sheriff, the fearless cowboy or maybe the mystery guest sitting next to you? Watch closely, listen carefully and put all the clues together to solve this small town mystery.

Tickets are \$25 per person (ages 16 and up). Childcare will be available for children three to 10 years old. The cost is \$8 per child. Tickets and childcare must be purchased in advance at the Frisco Athletic Center (5828 Nancy Jane Ln).

For more information regarding the Murder Mystery dinner series, please call Yolanda Rios at 972-292-6620.



Black Plate

Coming Next Month... **CLEAN IT & GREEN IT**



The annual citywide spruce up is set for Saturday, April 25, and we will need hundreds of helping hands to clean up litter in and around Frisco neighborhoods. After a morning of dirty work, volunteers will meet up for food, fun, raffle prizes and a hug from Rufus the recycling dog. Check out the April edition of Focal Point for details on how you can get involved, or go online to FriscoTexas.gov/recycle.



Catching fish and family fun

It's one of the few places where you will find a grown man happily demonstrating the art of fishing with a pink princess rod and reel. Frisco Parks and Recreation's Trick-a-Trout event, held February 14 at Frisco Commons Park, gave kids of all ages a chance to reel in a big catch. The park's pond was stocked with more than 3,000 trout.



Pictured left: Dani Velarde, a third grader at Boals Elementary School, shows off her big catch. She even fished out a 'golden' variety among the rainbow trout released into the Frisco Commons pond. **Pictured right:** In three-year-old fashion, preschooler Maya Florence was ready to take command during her first fishing experience. When she thought the lesson was running long, Maya impatiently told her mom, "I do it!"



Peter Cottontail hopping into Frisco to leave more than 60,000 eggs:

*17th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza set for
Saturday, March 28*

Grab your Easter basket and head to Pizza Hut Park on March 28. One of the largest egg hunts in Texas happens on soccer fields 9 - 14. This free event is sponsored by the Frisco Parks & Recreation Department and local businesses and runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The egg hunt for children ages 12 and under will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. Along with the egg hunt,

there will be bounce houses and great photo opportunities as families play games, make crafts and visit with Mr. and Mrs. Cottontail. There will be a small fee for some of these activities.

Those feeling crafty are encouraged to enter the Easter Bonnet and Vest Contest. Make and decorate an Easter bonnet or vest and wear it to the Easter Eggstravaganza to compete for prizes. The contest is open to all ages, so gather your friends, family or coworkers and have some fun creating a spring-themed original.

The Parks & Recreation Department will also be holding a summer programs expo. Find out what classes will be offered this summer and receive information on upcoming athletic, aquatic and recreation programs. Instructors will be

on site to meet and answer questions.

In case of rain on March 28, the rain-out date for this event is Saturday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m. Only the egg hunt will be available on the rainout date. Please visit our Web site at FriscoFun.org, or call the Special Events Hotline at 972-292-6520 for up-to-date information.

